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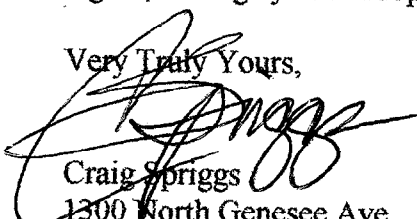
Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing this letter to support the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I support his petition for a variety of reasons, each one of which is compelling on its own:

1. Animals who are too sick/injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain (witness mad cow disease in Britain)--the practice may well eventually be fatal to humans or other species,
2. It is impossible to moved downed animals humanely--they are frequently dragged by tractors, etc. in a way reminiscent of a recent racially motivated killing in Texas. It is just disgusting,
3. Because such animals are a small percentage of the population, there will be no real economic impact on growers,
4. Because 90% of downed animals are a result of the growers' failures in handling and care, removing them from the market will create an incentive to prevent them in the first place.

Again, we urge you to adopt a policy that prohibits slaughter of such creatures.

Very Truly Yours,

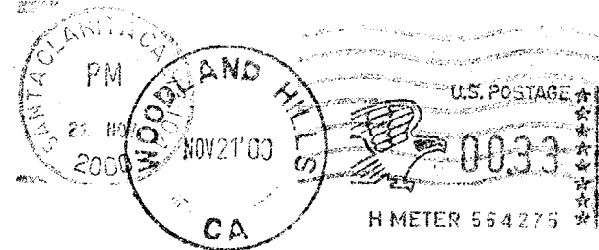

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